figures available...Therefore, the figure is available. It will not be 15.9. At the end of the year it will be much more...

MR. CHAIRMAN: He is not talking about the full year.

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: He just now said. Otherwise I would not have ... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI JAGESH DESAI: The answer is not correct. No, Sir.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: It is misleading.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question No. 288.

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: We want Half-an-hour discussion on this. It is a very important question. (*Interruptions*).

राष्ट्रीय वस्त्र निगम की मिलों को हुआ घाटा

*288. **सरदार जगजीत सिंह अरोड़ा :†**
श्री राम जेठमलानी :

क्या **वस्त्र** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि राष्ट्रीय वस्त्र निगम द्वारा संचालित वस्त्र मिलों को 1987-88 में भारी घाटा हुआ है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो कितना घाटा हुआ है और कितनी वस्त्र मिलों को पिछले तीन वर्षों से लगातार घाटा हो रहा है;

(ग) निगम द्वारा संचालित कितनी मिलें लाभ में चल रही हैं; और

(घ) क्या यह भी सच है कि घाटे में चल रही ऐसी कई मिलों में अध्यक्ष अथवा प्रबन्ध निदेशक नहीं है और यदि हां, तो ऐसी मिलों की संख्या कितनी हैं ?

†सभा में यह प्रश्न सरदार जगजीत सिंह अरोड़ा द्वारा पूछा गया।

वस्त्र मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री रफीक आलम) : (क) से (ग) एक विवरण-पत्र सभा पटल पर रख दिया गया है।

विवरण

(क) जी हां।

(ख) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान राष्ट्रीय वस्त्र निगम की अधीनस्थ वस्त्र मिलों द्वारा उठाई गई निवल हानियों की राशि नीचे दर्शायी गई है :

वर्ष	कुल निवल हानियां (करोड़ रुपए)
1985-86	151.17
1986-87	214.00
1987-88 (अनन्तिम)	266.43

एन०टी०सी० के अन्तर्गत चल रही 123 वस्त्र मिलों में से 103 एककों में वर्ष 1985-86 से 1987-88 तक लगातार निवल हानियां होने की सूचना मिली है।

(ग) उन कम्पनियों की संख्या, जिन्हें पिछले तीन वर्षों में निवल लाभ हुए है, निम्नलिखित है :

वर्ष	एककों की संख्या
1985-86	18
1986-87	10
1987-88 (अनन्तिम)	8

(घ) इस समय एन०टी०सी० के अंतर्गत आने वाली वस्त्र मिलों की देखभाल करने वाले एन०टी०सी० के 9 सहायक निगमों में से तीन सहायक निगम नियमित अध्यक्ष-सह-प्रबन्ध निदेशक के बिना कार्य कर रहे हैं।

SARDAR JAGJIT SINGH AURORA: Well, I have not got the statement. I think they must have run out of it when I went to collect it...I have got it. I beg your pardon. May I take a minute to ask a supplementary? (*Interruptions*)

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: The figures supplied by the hon. Minister are very alarming. After the textile policy was announced in 1985, there are mounting losses and more and more mills are getting sick. I want to ask the hon. Minister whether this has induced any re-thinking on the rationale and execution of the policy. Or is it true, as per the newspaper reports, that the only solution that has been found is to amalgamate the sick units with the viable units and ruin both?

SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Sir, the hon. Member will appreciate that we have taken over the sick mills and we have already told that 103 sick mills are undergoing losses. You require what steps are being taken to rationlise this...

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: I am asking about chalk and the hon. Minister is replying about cheese!

I want to know whether any re-thinking has been done after these three years of mounting losses, of the original rationale policy announced.

SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Yes, yes.

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: And what is your conclusion?

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: A committee has been set up! You don't know? (*Interruptions*).

SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: The following steps are being taken for improving the performance. No. 1, selective modernisation programme; two,...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Suggestions of Textile Association of India for better performance by Textile Units

*281. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Textile Association of India has sought Central Government's permission to close down non-viable textile units and also to allow enhancement of capacities wherever possible;

(b) whether the Association has also requested that duty-free import of technology and raw materials at concessional rates be permitted in order to ensure better performance by the mills; and

(c) whether the Central Government have accepted the suggestions put forth by the Association, if so, what steps are being taken by Government to implement them and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Association has suggested duty free import of technology and import of cotton and other fibres against export of cloth and yarn without any strings attached to them.

(c) According to the existing Textile Policy, where a unit has no expectation of becoming viable in a reasonable period of time, there may be no alternative but to allow the Unit to close provided the interests of workers are protected. Under the law, the permission for closure in individual cases is to be obtained from the State/Union Territory Government. Likewise, capacity expansion by existing units and capacity creation by new units is permissible under the Textile Policy Statement, subject to